

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the Neosho Police Department, the Newton County Sheriff's Department, the Neosho Fire Department, the Newton County Ambulance District, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the citizens of Neosho, Missouri, who provided aid and comfort during the tragic shooting that occurred at the First Congregational Church in Neosho on Sunday, August 12, 2007; and

Whereas, these agencies and departments and the citizens of Neosho are to be commended for their cooperation and their dedication to duty and bravery during the fatal shooting and hostage situation; and

Whereas, an armed man entered the First Congregational Church in Neosho on August 12, during an afternoon service and shot three members of the congregation and wounded numerous others; and

Whereas, the armed man had taken several hostages when the Special Response Team entered the church and talked the gunman into surrendering:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest gratitude to the Neosho Police Department, the Newton County Sheriff's Department, the Neosho Fire Department, the Newton County Ambulance District, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the citizens of Neosho, whose combined efforts helped to minimized the tragedy that took place in Neosho on August 12, 2007; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of the Neosho Police Department, the Newton County Sheriff's Department, the Neosho Fire Department, the Newton County Ambulance District, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the citizens of Neosho, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Wilson
District No. 130

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker